

INTERSECTIONALITY

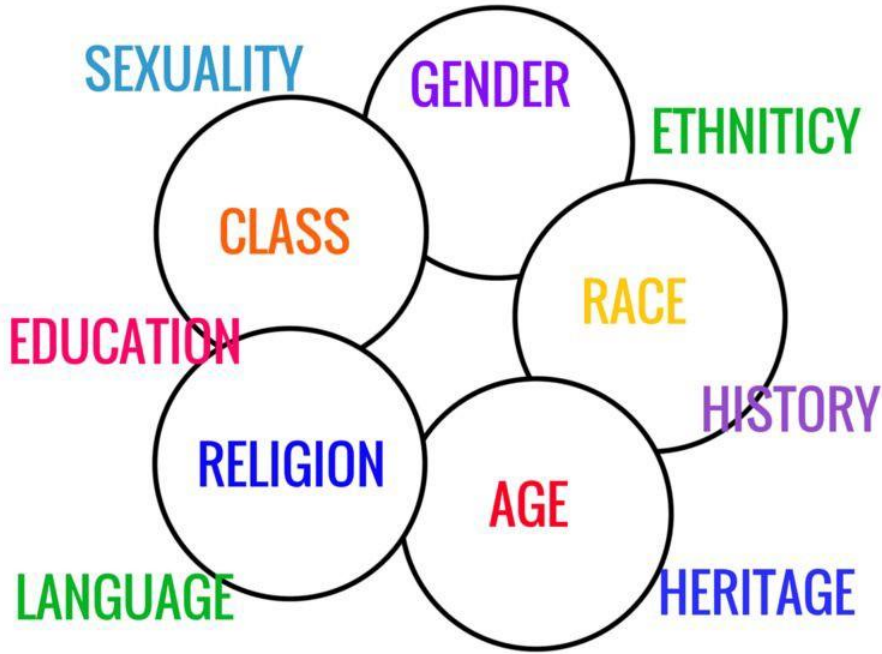
A 21st Century Feminist Paradigm



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TODAY WE'LL COVER:

- Essential Feminist Vocab
- Branches of feminism
- Critique of “white feminism”
- The way forward



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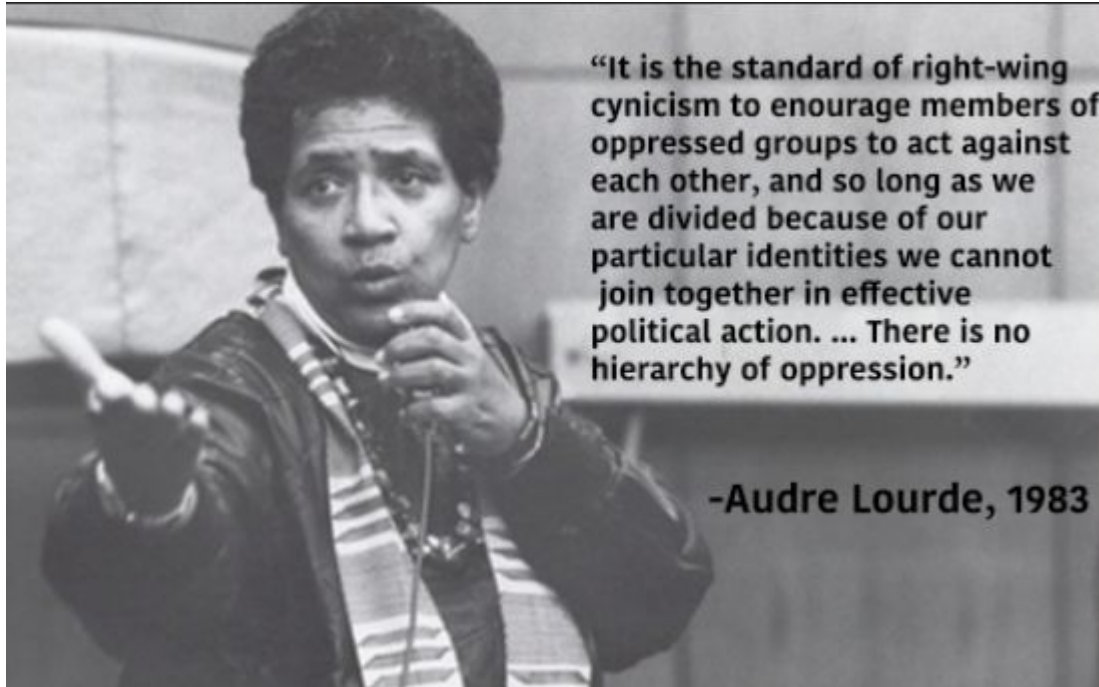
"overlapping or intersecting social identities and related systems of oppression, domination, or discrimination."



PLEASE NOTE:

We're not playing "Oppression Olympics"

There is no hierarchy of oppression.



"It is the standard of right-wing cynicism to encourage members of oppressed groups to act against each other, and so long as we are divided because of our particular identities we cannot join together in effective political action. ... There is no hierarchy of oppression."

-Audre Lorde, 1983



BEFORE WE MOVE ON...

Let's talk about

PRIVILEGE



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WHAT DOES PRIVILEGE MEAN TO YOU?

Yes, you certainly experience disadvantage...

Let's consider the ways that a person's race, religion, gender identity, class, ability and citizenship status make one person's life easier than someone else's.

WHAT IS
FEMINISM?

FEMINISM

A range of political movements, ideologies, and social movements that share a common goal: to define, establish, and achieve political, economic, personal, and social equality of sexes.



THE WAVES:

THE FEMINIST MOVEMENT

a handy reference sheet on the three waves of feminism

First Wave



SUFFRAGE

- 19th and early 20th century
- Focused mainly on suffrage, alongside other legal rights
- Mostly active in the UK, Canada, and United States
- Movement succeeded in gaining women the right to vote & other legal liberties

Second Wave



EQUAL PAY

- Began in the US, then spread to Europe, Asia
- Focused mainly on sexuality, reproductive rights, and the wage gap
- Movement succeeded in securing career options for women, and many reproductive rights

Third Wave



PATRIARCHY

- Fights for equality by focusing exclusively on female victims of gender-neutral issues
- Mostly on Tumblr + Facebook
- Mostly middle/upper class US
- Rejects labelling by adopting labels and identities
- Everything is the Patriarchy's fault, also rape culture

THE LIST GOES ON...

Feminism has gone through several branchings based on criticism:

Too straight? Queer theory and/or lesbian feminism.

Too white? Womanism.

Too middle and upperclass? Socialist feminism.

Too damn slow, too damn little? Radical feminism.

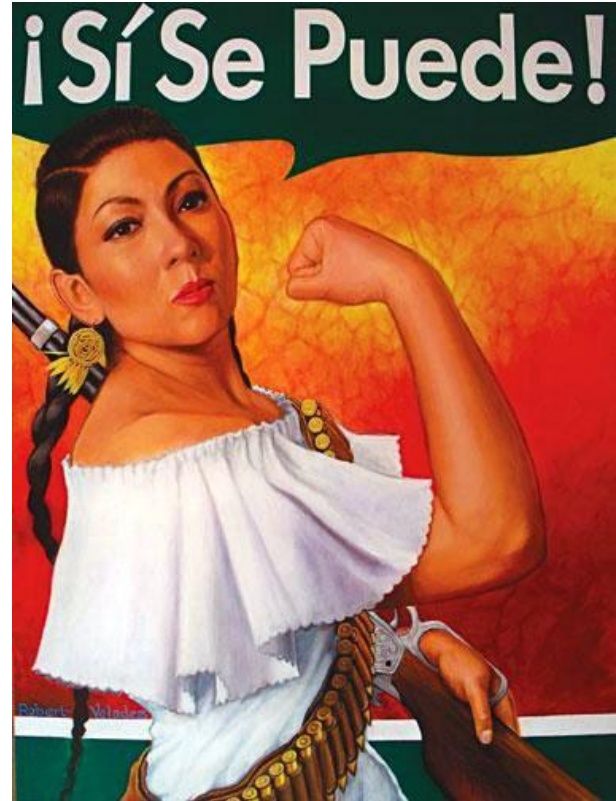
Too normative? Standpoint feminism.

geekfeminism.wikia.com

XICANISMA:

Chicana feminism is a sociopolitical movement in the US that analyzes the historical, cultural, spiritual, educational, and economic intersections of Mexican-American women that identify as Chicana.

Also see: Latinx





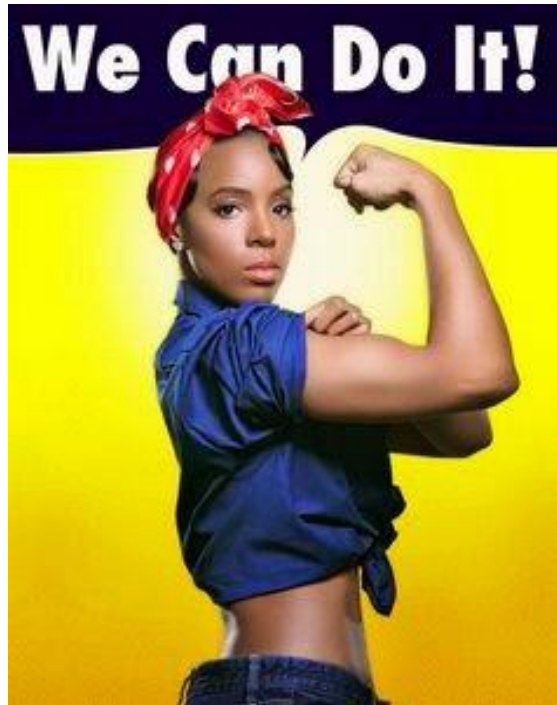
ASIAN AMERICAN FEMINISM

During the Second Wave of feminism, Asian American women provided services for battered women, worked as advocates for refugees and recent immigrants, produced events spotlighting Asian women's cultural and political diversity, and organized with other women of color.

INDIGENOUS FEMINISM

Focused on decolonization and indigenous sovereignty, and empowering indigenous women in the context of indigenous cultural values and priorities, rather than mainstream, white, patriarchal ones.





WOMANISM:

A reaction to the realization that "feminism" does not encompass the perspectives Black women.

Also see: Black Feminism



WHAT IS
INTERSECTIONAL
FEMINISM?

we can do it!



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VIDEO:

SECOND WAVE FEMINISM
WITHOUT WHITE WOMEN

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Which leads us to...

WHITE FEMINISM

The “one size fits all” approach

I struggle, too! And it's even worse
because I'm white and
shouldn't have
to struggle!



um...okay.



WHITE FEMINISM

- Middle Class
- Heteronormative
- Ableist
- Often focuses on struggles of the “average woman”
- ‘One-size-fits-all’ where middle-class white women are the mold that others must fit.



Fuck it. I'm gonna go
find some queer POC
to hang out with.

/ THAT'S REVERSE
RACIST! -



3 WAYS

To to participate in intersectionality.

3 WAYS TO BECOME MORE INTERSECTIONAL

- Listen more than explain.
- Get comfortable with being uncomfortable.
- Commit to raising your own awareness about privilege.
Maybe start with a Privilege self assessment.

Can you think of any other ways?

CHECK YOUR PRIVILEGE

Online quiz: movingupusa.com

Annette's score:

Your American Dream Score:

63/100

While hard work contributes to success, each of us have encountered different people, experiences, systems, and services that have helped or hindered our efforts.

Your score of 63 means you've had many factors working in your favor, but several you've had to overcome. To see what your score means compared to others, [click here](#).

If your life had a soundtrack, it might include [You Raise Me Up by Josh Groban](#), as a nod to what it has taken to get where you are today.